

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 9, 1967

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

Dear Mr. Finn:

Thank you for your kind remarks with respect to my book. I hope others get a small part of the enjoyment from it which I derived in writing it.

Your Charleston one shilling and three pence note is on the identical paper of the signed pieces and is absolutely original. It is a part of an unsigned remainder. I am going to list the fact that this note is unsigned, in the second edition of my book, (hopefully). I also am going to list something else which I noticed, namely, that the second use of the word "treasury" is misspelled.

Receipt is acknowledged of your \$3 by the Society for its research purposes and for which we thank you. This is deductible for income tax purposes.

The note is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

CERTIFIED MAIL

EPN/atb

9/15/68

Jean D. Newman

I'm enclosing a photostat
of a 1690 Mass. note I
bought a while back -

Could you please tell me
if you have any auction
Records as to the last
time it was auctioned off?
I have gone through the
Numismatists & Scrapbooks
back to 1951 & find no
records of it either -


Have you any idea how
many could be in private
collections?

Anyway you can be some
help & thank you in advance
Sincerely, L.H. Doe

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 20, 1968

Mr. Leonard H. Finn


Dear Mr. Finn:

We had heard of the fact that someone in the Boston area had bought a Massachusetts 20 shillings note of the 1691 period and apparently you were the lucky one.

Offhand I do not recall any auction sale of this item.

It is, as you know, altered from 2s 6d as is the one illustrated in my book. The only reason these survived was because an altered bill was unredeemable for any amount at all. I only know of one other in a private collection. All I do know is that the piece is very rare and appears to be original and genuine.

If you ever determine to part with it we would be very grateful for the opportunity to acquire it. We would also be glad to exchange it for a large group of early Colonial paper money if that would be of interest to you.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

10/1/68

Dear Mr. Newman

THANK you for the
information in my 1691
Mass. Note. When and if
I decide to sell on trade

Will let you know -

you mention you had
a large group for trade

& I wondered if you
had any early pieces
for sale - I'm a type

collector - I'm looking
for the following -

CONN - LARGE Bills 1746 - Before

Georgia - Before 1776

Maryland - July 26 1775

June 8, 1780

June 28, 1780

Oct 17, 1780

Aug 8, 1781

Mass - Anything Before Aug 18, 1775
Oct 18, 1776 Dollar Issue

New Hampshire: Anything 3-4 July 25, 1775

New ~~York~~ ^{YORK} " " 1737

6/15/1780 Issue

3/27/1781

7/8/1788

North Carolina - Anything 3-4 - 1771

8/21/1775

5/17/1783

12/29/1785

Penn - Before 1729

JUNE 1, 1780

Rhode Island

Before Sept 1767

1777 Issues

~~Mass~~
South Carolina Before June 1, 1775

Virginia Before 1773 -

March 4, 1773

July 17, 1775

Hoping you can do something for me

THANKS AGAIN

Leonard & Son

Leonard H. Finn



8/15/69

Dear Dr. Newman —

It was nice talking to you for a few minutes at the OIA Educational Forum. You mentioned the possibility of locating a couple of John Law notes — I have 2 notes — 2 coins and one medal — He was a fascinating character — I came across him when I started collecting the Beets medal

and need ~~of~~ quite a few books
about him -

Please let me know about the
notes - the denominations & the price -

Many thanks -

Yours
Lancelotti

Leonard H. Finn

4/24/70

Dear Mr. Newman -

Just a short note to watch
out for a stolen New Hampshire
note - Dts the June 20, 1975 Issu.
for 40 Shillings & Serial No 1572
+ X-R - signed by Nicholas Gurnea -
I'll gladly pay a reward for its
Return -

Sincerely
Leonard H. Finn

P.S. Do you have any of the searched
fugitive notes for sale?

Leonard H. Finn



9/25/70

Dear Mr. Newman

Just a short note to
tell you what a wonderful
job you have done with the
Baker Institute Education
Program in connection.

Really ought to
enclose \$1000.00 to
Caroline piece - thinking
of first 2 - Dollars.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 25, 1970

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

Dear Mr. Finn:

I was delighted to hear from you and appreciate your kind words about the convention.

With respect to the North Carolina \$10 note of 1776, I was aware of the defect but did not mention it, specifically, because all of those pieces I have seen show the lower portion of the L broken off. Perhaps there are some notes which were printed before the L was broken but I am not familiar with any. I appreciate any suggestions you make to improve EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA and hope you will continue sending them in.

I have not forgotten your interest in the John Law notes. Unfortunately, the collection out of which I hoped to get them for you is tangled in legal involvements for the present.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 9, 1970

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

Dear Leonard:

You were very nice to write me and make suggestions in your letter of November 3, 1970. I think they are excellent ones.

What appeals to me, most, is that you might like to help in revising prices.

I am going to answer the points you made, numbering them as you numbered them.

1. As to grading: I will give this a great deal of thought as some of the rare pieces do not come in decent condition. The fact that they are repaired, or backed, makes them have little appeal to some but is most acceptable to others. This needs a lot of thought.

2 and 3. Prices will be revised and I will ask Dick Picker and Ben Douglas, again, with you, or any one else who cares to participate. I will not set prices myself. If we could get a formula to spread beyond the commonest grades that probably would be more helpful than trying to price five grades.

4. I agree that Revolutionary War counterfeits should be priced. Would you give me some suggestions as to that pricing. Some of the counterfeits are very rare and they are probably more interesting than the genuine.

5. I agree that the blue detectors should be priced and would appreciate your thoughts on that now.

6. Would you be nice enough to send me a photocopy of page 53 of the Spiro collection sale. My copy is buried somewhere.

Leonard H. Finn



November 15, 1970

Dear Eric,

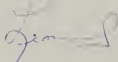
Thanks for the November 9th letter. I'm flattered by your thoughts on my helping to revise the pricing of the Colonial notes, but whether I'm competent requires some thought. I'll let you know shortly.

I'm enclosing the page on the Private Issues of New Jersey from the Spiro collection.

Your note about including the 1790-1800 notes in the edition makes me very happy. Over the past few years, I have been buying them as I always considered them part of the Colonial era. They're very scarce and have been only able to pick up a dozen. In the next issue of Paper Money I have a small "wanted to buy" on these notes. I have also enclosed a copy of my 11 cent note on the Washington Bank of Westerly, R.I. and wonder if you have it listed? The denomination is unusual and the "odd denomination" collectors want it. When I get a chance I'll my notes. By chance I may have a note that isn't listed.

One other thing. Do you have a Want List? As you know, I'm a type collector and I may have a date, denomination or even a type your looking for. I'm enclosing a copy of a few of the notes I want - maybe we can trade.

Sincerely,



617-232 2300 Bonded Oil System 1360 Commonwealth

Leonard H. Finn

617-327 7053

February 3, 1971

Dear Eric:

Have'n't written in some time as I've been under the weather. Colds, etc. I'm O.K. now.

After thinking it over, if the offer is still open I'd like to help in the revising of the prices on the Colonial Paper money.

So far I haven't had an answer to my small Ad in the Paper Money magazine

The following is a list of scrip dated up to 1800;

- ✓ 3 Pence Corp. of City of New York 2/20/1790
- ✓ 2 Pence Corp. of Kingston (N.Y.) 9/1790
- ✓ One Penny-Trustees of the Reformed Dutch Church of the Upper Part of Canajoharie 2/4/1793
- ✓ One Penny-Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectady 8/8/1793
- Two Pence-Lutheran Church of Schoharie 3/17/1797
- Three Pence-^{Constitutional}Society of Dutchess County 1/11/1791 ~~1797~~ ¹⁷⁹¹ ~~5/11/1797~~ ^{5/11/1791}
- One Penny-New York Manufacturing Society 6/22/1790 ^{Subscription} ~~Subscription~~ ^{Ten Broeke}
- ✓ 11 Cents Washington Bank, Westerly R.I. 8/22/1800
- ✓ 3 Pence or 4 Cents, Norwich Bank 5/1799 (Conn.)
- ✓ 6 Pence or 8 Cents, Norwich Bank 5/10/1799
- ✓ 4 Pence - Union Bank of New London (Conn.) 9/26/1794
- ✓ One Penny Carlisle ^{Penn}~~N.Y.~~ or N.J. signed by J. Lamberton 9/5/1789

I'd be happy to send you photostats of any of the above notes if you need them.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard H. Finn

Finn has 1780 #4 + #5 PennsyLv. Have both

R+ 2d 5/22/77 vj Have unc

NH 6/28/76 ^{Nov 88} 4 sh of '87, 3d ^{Nov 88} xj 8d ^{Don't have at here} all xj.

NY 1780 #1 ~~7~~ Need

NH 7/3/76 Has \$5 ^{1791 one date} f. traceable

Has 1755 Perma 10 sh. vj.

^{Want 785 good only} 1/26/76 \$3. vj traceable -

Mine are A good
B vj.

Alaska

Leonard H. Finn

2/13/71

Dear Eric:

It's a gloomy rainy Saturday morning here. As promised here is a list of my Alaskan material:

Set of Alaskan "Bingles". All Unc.- the \$5.00 & \$10.00 may be a shade off		\$185.00
Special Plastic holder for above		10.00
D & D Bar. Anchorage		
3 Pieces .25 - .50 - \$1.00	VF	10.00
Olsen Bros. Bethel		
3 pieces .25 - .50 - \$1.00	VF	7.50
Oscar Samuelson Bethel .25¢	VF	1.50
The Club. Cordova		
12½¢ orange Cardboard	VF	3.50
25¢ green celluloid	VF	3.50
Reindeer Commercial Co. St. Lawrence Island		
Complete set 8 pieces. 1¢-5¢-10¢-25¢-50¢ \$1.00-25.00-\$10.00 (Gambell)	VF/XF	65.00
Reindeer Commercial Co. St. Lawrence Island		
Savoonga .5.00	XF	10.00
\$10.00	XF	15.00
Native Copper Seward		
** 12½¢ - Good for Trade - Northern	XF	30.00
** 12½¢ - Good for Trade - Buffet (unlisted)	XF	30.00
Englishman's Native Store - Complete Set		
5¢ 1¢-10¢-25¢-50¢-1.00	VF/XF	20.00
Shepard Trading Co. Mountain Village		
25¢-50¢-\$1.00	AU/Unc	18.00
½ DWT Alaskan 1909 Gold Piece	XF	30.00
Alaskan Too Wah Passivile Gold Token		2.50
** Parker House Sheet		35.00
** THESE BELONG TO RALPH GOLDSTONE and are his prices		

I would trade any of the above for type notes for my Colonial collection or scrip or cash. Let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

Leonard H. Finn

Net

PS Joe bought a 40 Swelling
June 20, 1775 D. H. Note - Please
take up my last list

Hoover

AN - 1750 - Colonial Paper Money

CONNECTICUT:

Any Notes dated before 1755

DELAWARE:

Dec 1, 1739

GEORGIA:

Any Notes dated before 1734

JAN 9, 1732

MARYLAND:

Note before 1756

Notes before 1781

MASSACHUSETTS:

Any Notes before Aug 18, 1775

Dollar Issue 10/18/1776

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

JUNE 25, 1775

Notes before 1760

NEW JERSEY:

Notes before 1746

Type Note from 1781-1784 OR 1786 Issue

NEW YORK:

Any Notes between 1714-1737

JUNE 22, 1775

3/27/1786

6/14/1786

2/8/1788

NORTH CAROLINA:

Notes before 1761

12/1/1775

129/1785

NEW YORK:

Notes before 1749

6/15/1767

NEW JERSEY:

Notes before 1756

1777 written dates

CONNECTICUT:

Notes before June 1775

May 1 1786

1787 issue

Virginia:

Any Note before 1773

All Private Script - except Middle-Berry
on Schuykill

All Private Script dated before 1805

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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February 15, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Tien

Dear Leonard:

We really had a pleasant evening together and I thank you for going to the trouble to show me some of your choice items. I hope we can do it again, either here or there.

I appreciate your nice remarks about my book on Colonial paper money and if you saw how many additions and corrections I have already made, you'd see I have just begun. I certainly will appreciate your price revision thoughts when the time comes so start putting such comments in your copy of the book.

As to Colonial pieces, I certainly will be glad to trade types you need for denominations I need. Some of those you showed me which were tradable, I can use, as follows:

1780 New York \$1.00. Do you have another of the issue or not?
1/2/76 New Hampshire \$3. Is this due in 1763, 84, 85 or 86?
6/2/76 New Hampshire 8d.
6/2/76 New Hampshire 4sh.
6/2/76 New Hampshire 3d. Is this due in 1787 or 1788?
7/3/76 New Hampshire \$5.
10/1/55 Pennsylv. 10sh. Is this plate A or B?

Please let me know what Alaska you want to part with as I have never collected them. I'll either buy or exchange something, as you wish.

As to the change notes, I'll write you in due course.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Mr. Leonard W. Finn

February 15, 1971

Please give my best to your wife and children.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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atb

Leonard H. Finn



February 20, 1971

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letter. It was nice to have you here. I don't often have a chance to show my collection to such an appreciative audience. Whenever you're in Boston and you have a "free" evening, please call me.

Before I forget, please send me a photostat of the 16¢, Washington Bank of Westerly R.I. The fellow compiling the list of Rhode Island notes for the Paper Money Society will include it.

On the notes, here are the answers:

Hand 1780 N.Y. \$1.00. Only note I have of this series. Will trade for any other denom. (F)

Hand 1/2/76 N. H. \$3. due 1785 VF will trade for any other denom. or 7/3/76 issue

Hand 6/2/76 N. H. 8d (Jan. 1788) VF

Hand 6/2/76 N. H. 10sh. (Jan. 1787) VF

Hand 6/2/76 N.H. 3d (due 1788) XF

I want to end up with one note VF or XF any denom.

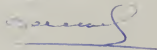
Hand 7/3/76 N. H. \$5. Available for trade - see note 1/5/76 issue

10/1/55 Penn. 10sh. Plate A. Would trade for Plate B (VF)

I bought a Rhode Island 1788 written date so you can cross this off want list. I hope you have some of the types I need for the above notes.

I'll drop you a note on the Alaska next week.

Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 2, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

Dear Len:

Your nice letter of February 20, 1971 is at hand. I have been talking to Jim DuPont and he thinks you are a fine person, not just because he obtained some nice notes from you.

In September, 1973 there is going to be an International Numismatic Congress in the United States. This occurs at five year intervals and this is the first time the United States has ever been the host. I attended the last one in Copenhagen and it drew the numismatic scholars from all over the world. There is an exhibit going to be arranged at the American Numismatic Society and I have been asked to help to arrange for the early American portion. Would you like to lend your 1690 Massachusetts note for the purpose? Don't say this isn't far enough in advance. There will, of course, be many American collectors and historians who will come to see the exhibit.

As you requested, I am enclosing two photocopies of the 16 cent Washington Bank of Westerly, Rhode Island.

I have found some very exciting historical material on the New York City 1790 change notes and am now checking the city records of Albany, Hudson, and the churches, etc. This is going to be a tedious process but may produce interesting data.

I was called back to Boston for a few days for a funeral after I left you and I learned from Robert Edison that he knew somebody you knew and he knew I saw you. It's a small world, isn't it.

There are three of your notes which would fit into my collection. The New Hampshire June 2, 1776 8d, the New Hampshire July 3, 1776 \$5, and the New York 1750 \$1. At this time I do not have another one of that New York issue but I'll keep it in mind.

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Mr. Leonard H. Finn

March 2, 1971

As to the two New Hampshire items, I am enclosing 4 pieces you need and you can select an equal value from these. The balance can be applied toward the Alaskan matter or something.

North Carolina	30s	March 9, 1754	#171
North Carolina	£3	July 14, 1760	#850
Virginia	10s	April 5, 1759	#721
Virginia	£3	March 11, 1760	#1491

The Virginia pieces are, as you know, on very weak paper and thus don't come in nice condition as they circulated for a long time.

The four notes I borrowed from you have been photocopied. Three are returned (photocopies of all are also enclosed) and I wanted to try to talk you into an exchange for the Lutheran Church piece. I believe I have a real gem for you in exchange. It is a New Jersey from the Presbyterian Church. You don't have any New Jersey change notes. The real extra on the N.J. item is that it is signed by Elias Boudinot, who became the third director of the United States Mint. It is in much better condition than your Lutheran one, too. The N.J. piece is enclosed and it would please me much if you would swap it.

Thank you for the suggestion that we get together in Boston again. I'll certainly try to work it in.

My very best to you and your family.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Leonard H. Finn



March 8, 1971

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the notes and photostats. These are welcome additions to my collection. I'm enclosing the North Carolina £3, and the N. J. Presbyterian notes.

I'm enclosing the N.H. 6/28/1776 8d #3159 (\$110.00) and
N.H. 7/3/1776 \$5.00 #1743 (\$120.00).

If we are going to trade, we will have to put a monetary value on the notes. I feel these are fair prices. (I'd ask more to anyone else due to scarcity and condition). You also will have to price the 3 notes I'm keeping. If I owe you we can apply it to the Alaskan material and if you owe me, send me other notes. If you think my prices are out of line, please, please, let me know.

Let me know if you have any interest in any of the Alaskan material I listed and I'll send it along for approval.

I'm returning the North Carolina note as I have one. I'm looking for anything before 1760, although I could use a 1768.

I'm also returning the N.J. piece, as I don't want to exchange it for my Lutheran piece. I think my note is "unique". No one I have contacted has one or ever heard of it, and your note, though rare, is well known. One of these days you will have something real exciting too me, the maybe I'll swap. I'm sure you understand. Incidentally what do you think is a fair price on any of these type notes??

I would like to exhibit my 1090 note for the International Exhibit in 1973. We might have a small conflict on dates. I intend to display it at the AMA show in Boston and the show closes August 27th. Will that be O.K? I'm sure I could get it to N.Y. in time.

Have you any need for the following Rhode Island notes?
6/29/1775 4 Shilling-VG Backed and pieced together
1/15/1776 6 pence- fine- small piece out of top border
1/15/1776 30 shilling-fine- border has tears
9/5/1776 ½ dollar-VG- backed

Thanks again for notes.

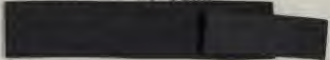
Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 11, 1971

Mr. Leonard W. Finn


Dear Len:

I have misplaced your letter on the Alaskan material so I hope you will give me a little more time to locate it. If you have a copy available, that would be great.

Thank you, very much, for the photocopy of the Bank of New York historical comment. That is excellent.

I remember Ralph Goldstone had the Parkeraouse sheet available and this I will be glad to buy from him. Would you be nice enough to have it mailed to me, unless you want to handle it through you.

Your friend, Jim DuPont just visited me and we talked about his favorite subjects.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 15, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Finn


Dear Len:

A quick memorandum to tell you I found your letter on the Alaskan items and will respond shortly. I also have your returns of notes.

I am just too involved to write you, but wanted you to know everything was under control.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Eric

When you order Alaskan
tokens, order for me

Whiskmaret Native Stone

5 pc set VF/XF \$20

OR

(2nd choice)

Shepard Trading Co.

3 pc set AU/VNC \$18

Thanks

(SD)

3/21/71

From the desk of
SID LEVINSON

4/5/71

Dear Eric

Just a short note - Here is
A copy of The Georgia notes
As promised - Have not
Sold the collection. If can't
Sell as collection will sell
individual pieces -

Also bought three early
pieces of private scrip - (copies
enclosed)

No Date on the Milton

piece - Assume it is pre-1800
Same printers as the Saratoga
piece - The Watertown piece
is split & mended -

Regards -

Leased

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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April 15, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

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Dear Len:

Maurie Gould, whom I saw in California, wished to be remembered to you. He was his charming self when I was in California working, after I gave a talk on coins to a seminar there. This has delayed me in taking care of the various open matters between us.

I sincerely thank you for sending me pictures of the three additional change notes. There seems to be no end of new items. I found the Millton piece in the 1894 Scott Paper Money Catalogue and DuPont has one. What I need is a fine Xerox of the other two pieces and if you cannot easily obtain them, then I would be very grateful if you would lend them to me for that purpose.

I am returning your lovely little Lutheran Church note herewith.

As to your large group of Georgia pieces, I appreciate the photocopies and am studying them. If you want to do me a favor, I would like to acquire the 1777 \$4 note. In exchange for it I enclose a 1778 \$30 which you do not have in the collection and hope you will accept it. I can send a 1776 \$4 note if you prefer, but the \$30 is more popular.

As I previously told you, I would like to buy the Parker House sheet which Ralph Goldstone has at \$35.

From you I would like the Shishmaref Native Store set; Shepard Trading Co.; the Alaskan Bingles, without the holder, and Reindeer Commercial Company (Gambell). Would you like Colonial notes or cash for them?

My research is proceeding very satisfactorily on the change notes but it is very slow and tedious.

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Mr. Leonard H. Finn

April 15, 1971

I do not believe I thanked you for the photocopy of The History of the Bank of New York and I do appreciate that cooperation from you.

You certainly have a fantastic ability to turn up unusual items and I hope you continue to have more and more of that good luck.

After I hear from you I promise to be an excellent correspondent. I will then straighten out the open matters as to the other Colonials.

Your fellow rag picker,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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CERTIFIED MAIL

24/12/71

Dear Eric —

We priced up the
Collection here it is —

Hope you found some
New Varieties —

I'm on the trail of a
Mass 1737 Note. (Page 137)

The man went shows ~~me~~ me
the 5 Pence. but he says
his has no REVERSE printing
Are you familiar with this
VARIETY ?? Is it possible ??

Andy
Lindsay

GrayLine "Snap-A-Way" GrayLine "Snap-A-Way" GrayLine "Snap-A-Way" GrayLine "Snap-A-Way"

SPEED LETTER®

TO Mr Eric P Newman

6450 Cecil Ave

St. Louis 5, Missouri

FROM

LEONARD H. FINN

SUBJECT ALASKAN TOKENS -

MESSAGE

DEAR ERIC - Sorry I missed your call - DATE 4/21 1971

THANKS for the kind letter. I'm enclosing the ALASKAN TOKENS WHICH TOTAL \$28⁰⁰. I'll take a check this time - as I just bought another small Colonial Paper Money Collection - I'll send you Xerox copies of the Waterfare & Saratoga notes - On the Georgia ^{priced} \$40⁰⁰ 1777 it was typed wrong the \$40⁰⁰ & \$50⁰⁰ were mixed up I'll write you the end of the week on this

SIGNED

Leonard

REPLY

DATE

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ARRC	185	} SPANES
Lambell	65	
Shushmaref	20 -	
Shepard Trading	18 -	

SIGNED

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 21, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

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Dear Leonard:

Thank you for the price list of the Georgia pieces. Now that I learned it is for sale, I enclose a check for \$60 for the 1777 \$4 Georgia note. If you exchanged it for the 1778 note I sent then tear up the check. If you want the money rather than the 1778 note, then send back the 1778.

It so happens that I do not have the border varieties of the 1777 \$11, the \$15 or the \$17. I have three of each and want to think over whether I need every border. Maybe I'm too technical. They certainly should sell easily.

I left a message with your wife that you should be cautious on the 1737 5 pence Mass. The statutes of Mass. include a full page of these notes as stated in my book. If the page is not fully printed on the back side then you would have a 1737 with no printed back. The paper in the genuine note and in the statute isn't too different. Be careful. I have the statutes in my collection, but no notes of the issue.

I look forward to hearing from you as to my last letter. I want to get this off to you quickly so you know the score.

Sincerely,

EPN
atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

RALPH GOLISTONE
LEONARD H. FINN

RARE COLLECTION OF GEORGIA COLONIAL NOTES
ALL NOTES ARE BACKED

1762	20 Shilling-Women Sewing Folded	VF	\$225.00
1773	20 Shilling Folded & Sewn	VF	250.00
1774	5 Shilling 1 pieces Nicely Backed Good until 12/31/77	VF	225.00
1776	<u>STERLING ISSUE:</u>		
	3 Pence Stain	VG	35.00
	3 Pence	GD	25.00
	6 Pence	GD	25.00
	1 Shilling	GD	30.00
	1 Shilling-Stain-Edge Tear	GD	25.00
	1 Shilling-6Pence - Stain	VG	35.00
	1 Shilling-6Pence - Stain	GD	25.00
	2 Shilling-6Pence - Piece out of Edge	Fine	40.00
	2 Shilling-6Pence - Piece out of Edge	VF	45.00
	5 Shilling (Crown) Piece out of Edge	VF	55.00
	5 Shilling (Crown) Piece out of Edge	VG	40.00
	5 Shilling (Blue Seal)	VF	55.00
	10 Shilling Stain	VF	90.00
	One Pound - Tears-Pieces out of Edges Stain F		60.00
1776	<u>BLUE SEAL DOLLAR ISSUE:</u>		
	\$1.00 Tear in Middle - Sewn	GD	25.00
	\$1.00 Folded	GD	25.00
	\$2.00 Floating Jugs - Tears	F	35.00
	\$2.00 Liberty Cap - Stains	F	50.00
	\$4.00 Liberty Cap	VF	60.00
	\$4.00 Floating Jug	F	50.00
	\$10.00	VF	60.00
	\$20.00	VF	75.00
1776	<u>MARCOON SEAL:</u>		
	\$2.00	F	55.00
	\$2.00	GD	25.00
	\$2.00	VF	60.00
1776	<u>ORANGE SEAL:</u>		
	\$1.00	VG	35.00
	\$1.00	F	45.00
	\$4.00 Stains	XF	75.00
	\$10.00 Light Stain	VF	55.00
1776	<u>FRACTIONAL:</u>		
	$\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar - Edge Missing	A/G	10.00
	$\frac{1}{4}$ Dollar - Stains	GD	25.00
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar - Stains	F	55.00
1776	<u>UNDATED:</u>		
	\$3.00	GD	30.00
	\$3.00 Margin Tears	F	60.00
	\$4.00	F	70.00

RALPH GOLLISTONE
LEONARD H. FINN
GEORGIA NOTES-CONTINUED

1776	UNLATED:		
	\$5.00	VF	75.00
	\$8.00	VF	75.00
	\$10.00 Repaired	F	55.00
1777	NO RESOLUTION DATE:		
	\$3.00	VF	70.00
	\$4.00	F	60.00
	\$5.00 - Rare	XF	150.00
	\$7.00 - Rare - Stains	XF	150.00
	\$9.00 - Rare	VF	125.00
	\$11.00 Rare - Stains	F	100.00
	\$13.00 Rare	VF	125.00
	\$15.00 Rare	VF	125.00
	\$17.00 Rare	F	125.00
<u>JUNE 8, 1777:</u>			
	1/10 Edge Missing - Stain	GD	30.00
	1/5	VG/F	50.00
	1/4 Tears	VG	40.00
	1/3 Stains	F	50.00
	1/2 Stains - Tear at Top	VG	35.00
	2/3 Stains	GD	30.00
	3/4	F	60.00
	4/5 Stains	F	45.00
	\$1.00 Repaired	A/G	35.00
	\$1.00 (Red "In")	VG	40.00
	\$3.00 (Red "In") Light Stain	F	50.00
	\$4.00 (Black "in") Stains	F	60.00
	\$5.00 (Red "In")	VG	40.00
	\$6.00 (Red "In")	F/VF	55.00
	\$7.00 (Red "In")	G/VG	35.00
	\$7.00 (Red "In") SEVEN	VF	70.00
	\$8.00 (Red "In") Stains	F	40.00
<u>SEPTEMBER 10, 1777:</u>			
	1/5 Dollar	GD	25.00
	1/2	VF	65.00
	4/5	VG	40.00
	\$1.00 Piece Missing - Stain	GD	20.00
	\$2.00 Stain	VG	35.00
	\$6.00 Stain - Edge tear at bottom	F	35.00
	\$7.00 Stain - Tears	VG	25.00
	\$8.00 Stain	F	35.00
1778	\$20.00 - Stains	F	40.00
	\$40.00 - Stains	XF	100.00

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SEND WANT LISTS FOR OTHER STATES

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LEONARD H. FINN
40 Greation Road
W. Roxbury, Mass.
02132
Tel: 617 327 7053

RALPH GOLDSTONE
LEONARD H. FINN

VIRGINIA COLONIAL NOTES * ALL NOTES ARE BACKED

<u>JULY 17, 1775</u>	3 Pounds	VG	\$25.00
<u>October 7, 1776</u>	1/6 Dollar	VG	15.00
	\$4.00	VG	15.00
	\$8.00	A/G	2.00
<u>May 5, 1777</u>	\$5.00	VG	15.00
	\$8.00	VG	15.00
	\$10.00	VF	35.00
<u>October 5, 1778</u>	\$15.00 - Stains	VG	40.00
	\$100.00	VF	125.00
<u>May 3, 1779</u>	\$50.00 - Stains	VG	40.00
	\$100.00	A/G	25.00
<u>July 14, 1780</u>	\$35.00	F	35.00
	\$45.00 - Crisp	Unc	70.00
	\$55.00 - Crisp - Stains	XF	50.00
	\$60.00 - Ink Holes "	Unc	40.00
	\$80.00 - Stains	Unc	50.00
	\$100.00 Stains	Unc	50.00
<u>October 16, 1780</u>	\$200.00 Ink Holes - Stains	VF	35.00
	\$300.00 Ink Holes - Stains	XF	35.00
	\$400.00 Ink Holes - Stains	XF	20.00
<u>March 1, 1781</u>	\$150.00	VF	45.00
<u>May 7, 1781</u>	\$40.00 Stains - Tear	F	25.00
	\$100.00 Stains - Tear	VF	40.00

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West Roxbury, Mass.
02132

WANTED TO BUY: Tel: 617 327 7053
COLONIAL PAPER MONEY, SCRIP, BROKEN BANK BILLS
AND BETTS COLONIAL MEDALS

4/24/71

Dear Eric -

Always such a pleasure talking
to you - I'm enclosing the \$4.00
note you wanted and also
RETURNING your check - hope
you'll be happy with it - as I've
already sold your note -

I talked with our mutual
friend Ralph Goldson - LET ME KNOW
THE FOLLOWING

① On the Heavens Counterfeit Detector
Do you want them all or certain
ones? He is willing to bring
them all to the St Louis show -

② What books do you want?

He doesn't want to break up
his basic library - but if has
duplicates - he's willing to sell
them to you -

③ What coin scales are

you looking for??

(4) On the More Broken Banks - he
has a sale on them - or is
about to sell them - I'll let
you know - when I go up
his office next week -

(5) On your Virginia notes - Dotten
hold them until I come back
from Europe - I leave May 15 -
& will return June 5th -

Avery -
Lemon



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 26, 1971

Mr. Leonard Finn

Dear Leonard:

Your interesting phone call was appreciated. It has shocked me for the moment.

You asked me to write you what I would like of Ralph Goldstone's material.

I still want the sheet of Parker House.

I am interested in his Massachusetts banknotes and scrip.

Some of his books would be additions and improvements to my library, as follows:

Valentine, Fractional Currency 1924. (I have the second printing).

Homans, Coin Book 1875. (I have the 1872 edition).

Parmelee Sale 1890. (Mine has a "bad back").

Heath, Counterfeit Detector Pocket size. Copyright 1870, Tenth Edition, Green cover.

Heath Counterfeit Detector Pocket size. Copyright 1870, Third Revised and Corrected Edition, Green cover.

Heath Counterfeit Detector, Counting House size. Copyright 1877, dated 1877, 12th Edition, Green cover.

Heath U. S. Treas. & Nat. Bank Note Detector, Counting House size, Copyright 1877, dated 1880, 13th Edition, Purple cover.

I have not forgotten all the other open matters.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Mr. Leonard Finn

April 26, 1971

Ralph must have loads of things I am interested in
and maybe he will let you show them to me.

My kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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5/1/71

Sunday

Dear Eric

Just a short note - boat
over to Goldsamer this AM -

We found the following -

Homan's Books 1875

Heaths 10th Edition

Heaths 12th "

Heaths 13th " large size -

He will bring them all to St. Louis -
He only has one copy of the
Pomona Sale - On the Valentine book -

I found one copy - He says he has
another one - but we couldn't
find it - So on the 2 books he
wants to keep them for his basic
library -

On the Mrs. Barker - he is in the
process of selling + one person.
I'll watch out for the Barker House
shoot + so will he -

That's the best I could do.

This place is fabulous - I came
ACROSS old CATALOGUES - one by
Cogan on Colonial Paper - Printers
Old Books - Medals - etc -

Anthony
Lynch



P.S. all I hope - is that
he brings the stuff to
St. Louis.

P.P.S Thanks for the checks

6/5/71

Dear Enn —

Hope you had a
good trip — He had a
marvelous time — no paper
money — but I did pick
up a couple of medals —
Sorry to say the Georgian
777 — * 11 - 15 - 17 - were all
sold before I left — just
didn't get a chance to
write —

Truly

Leonard

P.S. I've ~~also~~ got a few of the
Virginia notes I see along yours — and
hope to put out another list

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 12, 1971

Mr. Leonard Finn

Dear Leonard:

My trip to Europe was like yours, numismatically...very dry... but I obtained a few coin scales. It was fun, otherwise. We toured mostly through rural England but I spent three hours at the Royal Mint, in London, discussing problems and that was exciting.

As to the Georgia pieces, Bob Vlack told me he bought them so I'm glad they are in a nice collection. As to the Virginia pieces, the owner wanted them back so I had to oblige. I wish I had known earlier you could sell them.

As to research, you sent me poor photostats of

Davissan & Schooneover - 3d Waterford, N.Y. 9/10/1789

J. Porter 4d Milton

Klister (?) 3d Saratoga 1791 Ferry Money

Will you send me the originals so I can make better pictures. If, of course, you are selling any change notes, I am interested. If you parted with any of them tell me who has them so I can get the pictures.

Going back to the open matter of the Colonial paper money exchange, I received from you

NH 6/28/76 8d #3159 vf (\$110 your value)

NY 7/3/76 \$5 #1743 vg (\$120 your value)

On March 2, 1970 I sent you four notes of which you kept three. These were

NC 30 s 3/9/54 #171

Va 10 s 4/5/59 #721

Va f3 3/11/60 #1491

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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July 12, 1971

Mr. Leonard Finn

The Virginias are exceptionally rare, as you well know. I don't know prices like you do and I think you should evaluate the three I sent. I believe they should be evaluated substantially higher than the total of \$230 for your two. Perhaps you can balance off with a change note or so. What do you suggest?

Did you ever get the 1737 Mass. 5d?

As to the Parker House sheet which Ralph Goldstone has, why don't you find it for me. Things I can use in his possession seem to stay hidden. See what you can do. I am about to give up on the books.

Otherwise, I'm working hard on the ANA authentication procedures and my research has been slowed down.

My very best wishes,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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LEONARD H. FINN

7/31/70

Dear Sir -

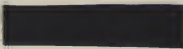
Just a short note - so
you'll get it before you go
to Washington -

Ralph Goldsmith is bringing
all the North Books and he
expects you to buy them all
(these are Ralph's copies) - You
don't need a library -

I'll get the 3 early
manuscript notes for the Victor
+ photostat them - of course

I haven't sold any of them
On the exchange - I don't agree
with you - I'll write you
later

I didn't get the Jones 1737
mail - but the owner has
promised to let me take
to Washington - I will be there
only 1 day - Sat. the 14th. Maybe
I'll see you - Sincerely -
Frederick



Leonard H. Finn



August 21, 1971

Dear Eric:

Sorry I didn't make the ANA show. I was coming on Saturday, but I recieved a call on Friday, that my notes were not on display. Also the 1737 Mass. note couldn't be located, so I cancelled my flight.

I'm enclosing Xerox copies of the notes you requested. The reverses are poor because the notes are dark. If they are not good enough, I'll mail you the originals.

On the trade, I'm going to have to disagree with you. Your notes are rare but the condition is poor. There is not a complete note among the three. I showed these notes to three other "experts" and this is a consensus. Here's my valuations, and in as much as I priced my notes lower than fair value to you, I priced yours the same way.

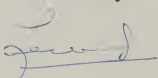
N.C. 1754	\$45.00
VA. 1759	35.00
VA. 1760	65.00

If you don't agree, I'll return the notes as I don't want any bad feeling.

Ralph Goldstone says you took quite a few of the books. Hurray!!!

I bought for my collection a Vermont piece and a Rhode Island 3/18/1776 with the Eliery signature. Also bought a small lot of 1744 Mass. Government Lottery tickets. This was the first lottery drawn in the States authorized by a legislature. Do you collect them?

Sincerely



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 27, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

Dear Leonard:

I searched for you on Saturday at the ANA Show and had previously looked in vain for your exhibit. I was wondering what happened. I was so sorry we didn't get to meet.

I hope they didn't lose a 1737 Massachusetts note. Dick Picker's twoattache cases were taken from the security room; George Fuld's registered letter was rifled before arrival; a dealer reported that he saw thieves casing the Exhibit Hall and another dealer at the convention was pistol whipped.

Nevertheless, I had a stimulating time! There were four Colonial paper exhibits. I attended the book auction.

Thank you for the good Xerox copies of the change notes I asked for.

As to the exchange, there will be no disagreement. I'll just let it stand. Those experts who valued the Virginia notes probably never even owned one of the early period.

Ralph Goldstone let me take on approval a group of books, etc. and I'll buy many. I may write an article on Laban Heath and wonder if you would try to find out if he has any relatives left there. He died in 1894. I have not located anything written about him yet. Will you help?

As to your 1744 Massachusetts lottery pieces, I collect such items only if they wander in. I probably would get a winning ticket if I bought one so I will await the drawing.

My very best wishes,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 15, 1971

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

Dear Leonard:

You asked for it so let's see what fun you can have on a fresh unknown subject.

The first thing I would like you to do is to ask Ralph Goldstone to ship me all of the books he has left. Many of these are incomplete with respect to some of the plates. I have a group from Ralph Goldstone, on approval, many of which I am going to buy, but a couple of those need patching. My idea is to cannibalize a little bit where it doesn't hurt pieces which are already incomplete.

Leban Heath died in January, 1894, in Revere, Massachusetts. He lived in the Crescent Beach district of Revere. If you could look in the city directories covering Revere you could find his exact address. His obituary mentions no relatives. He was born in Bow, New Hampshire, in 1837 and for the last 20 years prior to his death he was engaged in some other business than counterfeit detection and I have no idea what it is. Perhaps he owned his home and the real estate records of Revere will show to whom his home passed when he died. That might give a clue as to who his children were, etc.

The first thing I would look for, if I were you, would be his will or the administration of his estate in the appropriate court. That administration will show his family and perhaps give us a further lead to find his family.

All you have to do is to find something interesting and you will be completely hooked. Research is addictive, so be careful. If you have any problems as to where to look for records, ask my friend, Thomas Kaplan, an attorney, in Boston, and he will guide you.


Are you interested in some of the small Heath Detectors which Ralph sent me at \$35 each? I may give my friends an opportunity on some of them which I already have and wanted you to have a couple if you are interested.

My kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

October 6, 1971

Mr. Leonard Finn


Dear Len:

What a fine start you have made on Heath. It is too bad he had no genuine or counterfeit children. His sister-in-law's family probably didn't have a reason to keep his books as she wasn't married, apparently.

It would be good to check the city directories for the years from 1864 until at least 1880. At first his office was at 20 Washington Street, then about 1866 it was 30 Hanover, and by 1880 he had both 30 and 48 Hanover Street. This information is gleaned from the detectors. The library would have all these directories.

The optical goods Heath sold were probably microscopes he advertised in his detectors. Did the Probate file have an inventory of things or not?

At your suggestion I telephoned Ralph. He is just blue because of his wife's health and treatment. He was cooperative and needed cheering up. I did my best.

I was recently in Colorado Springs and you are right about the wide open spaces. The Air Academy is really isolated but some people like it that way. The A. N. A. building is beautiful and it is being used more and more.

Keep up the good work.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Leonard H. Finn

Jan.10, 1972

Dear Eric:

A Happy and a Healthy New Year to you and your family.
Haven't written for some time. Had lots of troubles.
Sickness, deaths, and an accident, and very little time for
Numismatics. Everything is O.K. now.

I'm at a standstill on Laban Heath. I put ads in the
Revere, Boston and Concord N.H., newspapers. Had one
answer who promised to write older relatives, but so far
nothing. I also wrote the Library of Congress and the
Treasury Dept. Both had nothing on him.

On the exchange of the notes, if you have no objection
lets call it even.

I picked up a few pieces of Church Money and early script.

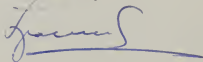
- yes*
yes
picture
- * 1 penny Lansingburgh Museum 10/20/1792
 - * 1/2 pence Lansingburgh Museum 10/20/1792
 - 6 pence Trustees of Presbyterian Church of Balltown -no date
 - 1/2 pence Trustees of Presbyterian Church of Troy 8/28/1792
 - * 2 pence Trustees of Reformed Dutch Church of U. P OF
 - * 3 pence ~~XXXX "XXXXXXX XXXXX~~ " " Canjharie 2/4/1793
 - 1 penny Corp. City of Hudson 11/5/1792
- no*
no

* Available for trade.

The Boston Numismatic Society would like very much to
have you as a guest Speaker when ever your in Boston. I
offered to extend the invitation and sincerely hope that
when your in the area on business you can find the time to
speak to us. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the
Sheraton Plaza.

Pardon the typing but its midnight so I'll sign off.

Sincerely,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 24, 1972

Mr. Leonard H. Finn

Dear Lennie:

It was delightful seeing you and meeting all of the Boston numismatic brass.

You were very nice to invite me as a guest speaker some time when I can be in Boston on the second Tuesday.

You mentioned that you had a few pieces of early scrip and you also stated that some of it was in terrible condition.

As to the Lansingburgh Museum, I do not have either the 1 or the 4 pence, although I have the 2 and 3 pence.

As to the Canajoharie, I do not have the 3 pence. If you could send me these for inspection, and tell me what would treat you, I will gladly work on it.

I would appreciate a good Xerox copy of the 6 pence of the Presbyterian Church piece of Ballstown.

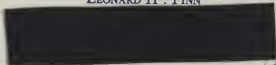
My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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LEONARD H. FINN



8/27/12

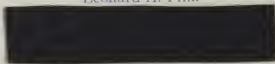
Dear Eric -

Was doing a 1:1/6 Research
on my 4 Pence Union Bank 1794 -
Line enclosing a letter I received
from the Successor Bank showing
all the denominations of 1794 & also
they say there were other bills
issued in 1795. I don't know
if you know of these issues -
I know I've never seen any.

over -

A fellow collector of medals from
Rhode Island, ^{looks like} says you're going
to authenticate his Continental
Sullivan on one side (the REVERSE)
On the obverse - it says Felicitas
Britannia etc + shows Britannia
Seated - + the Indian standing -
This is Bette's medal #614 -
+ if you know of one - I'd
like it for my collection -
Hope you too a nice convention -

Best -
Leland



9/16/12

Dear Sir -

Find R. H. Hays, a Newbury Mass
 friend to you & your family -

I am writing because of the
 2 enclosed note - I bought recently -
 the revenue are 10/10 - & of course
 no date - but from the 100 paper
 I feel sure to before 1805 -
 the signature - seem to be John
 B. Hays - as printed by C.R. & C.
 Webber of Albany - do you have
 anything on this note -

Ralph G. Iverson - had a
 heart attack - He's out of
 intensive care - & coming along
 ok - Drop him a card
 his at the St. E. Deaconess

Hospital - 185 Pilgrim Row, Boston
Keep Well.

Respectfully
Yours

P.S. Would you bring anything
to display next year to the
Boston ANA convention?

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 20, 1972

Mr. Leonard R. Fim

Dear Leonard:

I have no excuse for not writing you previously so I won't make any. I am under such a mound of numismatic correspondence that I wonder if it is getting better or worse.

As to the two little notes from Little Falls, New York, of which you were kind enough to send photocopies, I am satisfied they are in the early 1790's. However, Mr. John Portous, who signed the bills, is not mentioned in the United States Census for 1790 as a resident of New York. This is true of a few of the other issuers although I have located most of them. The Webster printing and signature is identical to other notes. Do you want to keep both of these notes or just one of them?

The information about the little notes of the Union Bank of New London was most interesting and I read it very carefully. I imagine the 1794 issue was what was authorized in 1792 and the bills they refer to in 1795 are not small denominations but the large ones.

Thank you for your memorandum with respect to Mr. Leban Heath still being in the microscope business.

I haven't forgotten about the notes I have on hand but merely want to give you an interim report.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Leonard H. Finn

Oct 23, 1972

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your letter - I'll excuse you - I'm sure you're a busy man -

I've been doing a little research on the Littlefalls N.Y. note - I wrote the town clerk over a month ago - so far no answer. In the catalogue of the N.Y. State Library (1856) on page 209 they mention in their paper money catalogue J. PORTMAN Littlefalls - one Penny + two pence notes - no date - Probably my notes are the same ones. Can you check this name in the 1790 U.S. Census? - This catalogue mentions a lot of the other early merchants notes - I'd trade one of these notes for another early merchants note. How about the New Jersey note for the Presbyterian Church signed by Boudinot. I would have

enclosed the note - but we still
have the other traces open - I'm
sure you realize in tracing you
watch the mail for the notes
you going to receive - I've been
watching the mail since last.

February 11th note clean it up -

I ran (literally) up to New
Hampshire last week - found a 1690
✓ Signing Dues Note - However it
was AN early copy on 7x7 paper
and it was in a frame - Too Bad!!

Keep Well -

Respectfully
Laural

(Copy)

10/31/77 ✓

Leonard Finin, (Tolerant gentleman)

P.O. Box 14020
St Louis Mo 63178

Dear Herrn.

You are wise and concentrate on some areas. I am unwise and spread myself too thin. In a weak moment I agreed to become chairman of the Amer Rev Bill Coin & Medals Panel - a nice honor but who needs the politics, the meetings, the crank letters, the frustrations. This isn't all the numismatic involvements I have been tied into this year. Please pity me or something. When can I get back to research + collecting.

JOHN PORTEONS is listed in the 1790 census in Herkimer town, Montgomery Co, N.Y. As you indicate J. PORTIONS is listed in the NY State library hist. The correct name from your note is JOHN PORTENS as I read it. Do you agree?

I am enclosing a First Pres Church Newark note of 4d with a Budinst signature. I think you can make ^{make a good copy} ~~it~~ with it. Send me either of the Portens notes and I would be delighted.

Your unanswered letter is in my safe downtown and I'll get to that very soon.

How is Ralph getting along - he certainly has had more than his share of problems.

Kindest regards

Eric

Leonard H. Finn



11/11/72

Dear Sam

Hope this one finds you better.
Keep well - we need numismatists like
you - don't spread yourself too thin -
you have a lot of the enjoyment -

Thanks for Newark note - its
"beautiful" - I agree I got the better
of the trade - soooo - when you finish
off the trade for the 3 Linningsburg
pieces - even it off. I'm not looking
to make anything - I just want to
come out even - You mention "you
hope I can obtain something nice for it"
These notes go into my collection - I
only trade my duplicate types. I've
been waiting you first I don't think
I've even sold one of the early
Merchants notes -

I notice your name in the new
Permanent Book by Coulter. Do you

collect terms + scrap? I have 2
Unlisted Denominations - - also several
other services pieces which I'd trade
for Colonial Paper if you interested

Take Care of yourself -

Leann

PS I'll send the little boxes with
next week - I can't get to my
vault -

PS Ralph is coming along slowly
physically - But mentally he's
very depressed -

Leonard H. Finn

11/9/72

Dear Eric -

Hope you are cold &
are feeling better -

Am enclosing the little films
and it sure is beautiful

As you can see the name
could be PORTERS -

Incidentally - I have approx
25 of these type notes -

When you get a chance
lets clear up the Job Table

Take care of Yourself -

Leonard

N^o (419) 20th

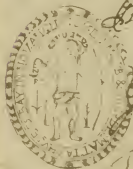
THIS Indented Bill of Twenty & 2
Shillings due from the Massachusetts
Colony to the Possessor shall be in value
equal to money & shall be accordingly
accepted by the Treasurer and Receivers
subordinate to him in all Publick pay^{ts}
and for any Stock at any time in the
Treasury. Boston in New England
February the third 1661
the General Court

Eliza Hutchinson

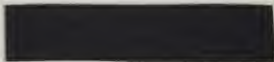
John D. Hulbert

Tim Thornton

George



LEONARD H. FINN



124/32

Dear Eric —

Hope you found OK.
I hope you received the
reference note —

The Russia show water —
— the actual photo —
The May 1, 1941 Green Bank
Bill — My note for us
you have found — which you
don't see on Page 538 —

Also the signs are different
Edwards trusted for Thomas Robinson
& John Allen (1)

the signs are very different
in the 2nd case?

Case 1 is a small foot.

Very

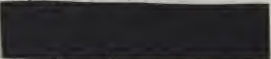
Yours

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 6, 1972

Mr. Leonard H. Finn



Dear Leonard:

Thank you for your nice note about the 1741 bank bill. In my opinion it is perfectly genuine and, naturally, I am going to list it. I am also adding the signatures. The denomination is new to me.

I was in New York and looked in the telephone book and am convinced that the name of the signer of the change note is John Porteus.

The other open matters will be taken care of in due course but I wanted you to have a quick answer on this item.

Many thanks for your wholehearted cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

2/30/73

Dear Sam

I got a short quick
note to get this in the
mail —

I've been offered a book
— The Perkins Bank Bill Test

Dubland — 1869 with a
Stroeder Check Plate — has
3 Engraved Plates. — 250.00
Plus 3% 7.50
 257.50

This is my cost —
have not seen the book
I sold in the Stroeder
auction for 350.00 THIS

copy has been received -

If you want it -

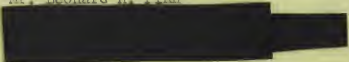
please call me - any

night - around 9 - 9:30 -

Thursday or bowl - call 10:30 -

Love
i
your
[redacted]

May 2, 1973

Mr. Leonard H. Finn


Dear Leonard:

Thank you very much for telling me about the Perkins. I was the one that bought the item in the Streeter sale. The one I bought had a perfect cover of marbled paper.

The one that sold in the Fuld collection was bought by Harry Bass. That was recovered in red. The only other one I know is owned by George Wait.

I believe you might wish to buy the item as it is extremely rare and unappreciated. Again may I thank you for telling me about it.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

6/8/73

Dear Eric -

Hope you feeling OK -
Looking forward to seeing
you at the August Convention.

Rhodes Islands

Bought the enclosed note
recently - I haven't been able
to do any research on it
but it looks like - when
the 1777 (Walter Dots)
notes became due in 1784
(5 years from date) they issued
these notes - I like the
phrase - "in the ninth year of
Independence" - I think it
should be in the next

issue of the Paper Money
Book - What do you
think? Are you familiar
with the note?

Know you're very busy -
How about finishing off
the taxes for the 3 Lonsborough
Museum pieces I sent you -
Feb 1972. -

Prices are going up &
material - no getting ahead
to buy -

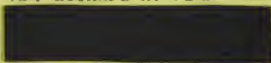
Keep Well -

Laura

Do we have enough
collectors for a
Colonial Paper Money Club?

June 26, 1973

Mr. Leonard H. Pinn



Dear Len:

Thank you for your recent letter with it's enclosure. I must do some very deep thinking to determine whether bonds or notes relating to currency should be listed. Yours is a very interesting one and I will certainly mentioned it if I do not list it. I will discuss the project in Boston with Ken Bressett. You mentioned organizing a club. I am glad that the Colonial Newsletter is open for writing on paper money and perhaps they would serve the purpose. I still have the Lamsingburgh matter in my pending draw. My very kindest regards and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Very truly yours,



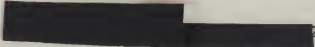
Eric P. Newman

RPN:kr

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 28, 1973

Mr. Leonard H. Finn


Dear Leonard:

Congratulations on an excellent educational forum and a fine convention. The St. Louis note which you handed me, as you know, has been pasted on a piece of paper because it is torn. The three notes, the pictures of which I enclose, are also somewhat ragged. Since I turned over to you a lovely John Law note I am going to leave it entirely up to you as to whether you think something else should come my way, particularly since I gave you a lovely signature on a note on our last exchange. There is no rush. I am sure you realize how nice the John Law is.

Kindest regards,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

Encl.

SPEED LETTER®

TO *ERIC P. NEWMAN*

FROM *LEONARD FINN*

6450 Cecil Ave

St. Louis 5, Missouri

SUBJECT

JEAN ERIC -

*It was a pleasant surprise
seeing you last month.*

MESSAGE

DATE

2/16

1972

*I'm enclosing the 1 penny & 4 penny Lancingburgh Museum &
the 3 penny Canajoharie. I'll exchange for scrip that I
don't have - I'm also enclosing the Ballsblown copy - Any
idea of date?*

SIGNED

Leonard Finn

REPLY

DATE

19

SIGNED

Leonard H. Finn

10/73

Dear Sir -

Hope you won't keep reading
about your travels - your attendance
at the Young men's meeting.

I'm soon out too -

Thank for the kind words about
the convention - It was a marvelous
experience. Were having a wrap up
brought tonight -

I'm enclosing a Xerox of my latest
suggestion - The only other reason
I have of the piece is in the
Freedom section in Prisoner 1970 - Maybe
I don't lose it.

On our case I'd rather pay for
the Joan down (from the 60's) + 40 -
give me some more in exchange
for my notes - I was paid 20
I'm not sure of the price
- - - - - for me know how
far -

I was looking for some of your
scrapbook letters. I noticed you were
looking for Capt. Goldstrom's Mass scrap -
Do you collect Mass scrap? I've
been doing scrap for the past few
years for Mass. (I have about 100 different)

New Hampshire - Vermont (your name is
mentioned in the book by Coates) - Maine -

Do you also collect Vermont scrap?

I never did come across another
sheet of Peakon House notes - but
recently I bought a sheet of
Young's Hotel - do you remember the place?
Keep it

Yours
D
Greenleaf

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 26, 1973

Mr. Leonard H. Finn
[REDACTED]

Dear Leonard:

Thank you for your nice letter of November 10, 1973.
I have other records of the Albany 3 pence, but you certainly
picked up a nice specimen.

Unfortunately I have a principle that I will not accept
money for numismatic items. If you want to send me the Albany
piece to even off the exchange, you may. If not, you can find me
something else nice sometime.

I do collect scrip from all areas, so that, naturally, I
have a nice group of Vermont, etc.

I am so glad that all of you were satisfied with the success
of your convention. You have a lot to be proud of. I hope all the
turmoil in the country calms down enough to let us enjoy numismatics
without the wild speculation of the current market.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Leonard H. Finn

12/16/73

Dear Eric

Thanks for your letter - I can understand
your principles - but I think you should
set some sort of limit to our trades -

I think I owe you approx \$5000.00 in trades -
if you disagree - let me know -

I too have principles - I have to
owe people - my father went bank-
rupt - 1933 - & I vowed - I'd never
owe people money - I haven't any notes
but I do have some books you
may want - & if not - we'll wait awhile -

① Underwood's Counterfeit Detector
with card - Dec. 1888

② Dyer's Counterfeit Detector -
May 1894 - or Feb. 1899

③ Holman's Banker's Almanac & Legal Directory (300 pages)
with Supplement (270 pages) for 1880

④ The Banker's Register Vol. VI Jan 1895
Large Book - 700 pages - Pub by Credit Co

I figure the above are worth \$2500.00

A piece - I also have several years of
Government Finance Reports - & also Reports
of the Comptroller of Currency - Will
list them if you have any interest -

Colonial Notes - are getting tough to pick
up - & the better ones are being priced
way up -

Happy Chanukkah - & a Healthy & Happy
New Year to you & your family -

Sincerely,
L
S

LEONARD H. FINN

6/16/74

Dear Eric -

I am a short note to let
you know that I remember I
owe you something - its getting
very tough to pick up anything.

I just checked the prices on the
Hudson Rock - sales of May 28 - & I
was flabbergasted!! \$500 for a
20' - 2' bit - the 20' bit was
of North Carolina & to New Jersey 13 fl
I didn't get either -

The only thing, incidentally, I have

Bought in Counterfeit Detection
from Thompson & Co. dated November
1855 - its mark listed in J. H. L. - & I
assume its g. to mark -

Keep Well -

Respectfully -

James

P.S. If you have duplication of the
New Jersey notice
it will be understood -

LEONARD H. FINN



if 2.1.74

Dear Eric -

I assume you went to the
convention - and had a great time
which I could have gone - but
Florida was too hot for me -

I just bought a \$50⁰⁰ for
Mass Bank issue of June 21, 1985 -
(I can return it if not genuine) -
It's marked "CARBONED proof" -
+ looks like + came off
the press yesterday -

The only record I can find
of this issue - is in the Boston

Collection Auctioned off by Carol.
+ (CURRENCY in Part I + Part II in
1969 - but they were in streets
~~at that~~. I spoke to the First
National Bank - & they said there
was an India Paper -

Do you know any thing on
my note??

Havent picked up a thing -
Small notes - what else do you
collect ??? Tokens? - Scrip?

Bank Bank? Minors? Silver (coins)?

Books - Auction (Little's) - ??

Maybe I have something -

You can see -

Good Well -

Lucas

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 29, 1974

Mr. Leonard Finn


Dear Leonard:

Now I have two letters of yours to answer and so here I go.

I enjoyed working at the convention discussing research projects and gathering information. I thought I might see you there, but it was a madhouse as usual.

As to the Massachusetts bank item which you acquired, I am not certain whether it is a reprint or not. It is from the original plates, but the paper is better than anything I have ever seen or heard about which existed in 1785. Your note is listed in Early Paper Money of America, along with all the others. I mention this because you state that Wismer is the only record you can find of it.

As far as what I collect is concerned, there isn't anything American which I do not collect, coins, paper money, tokens, books, scales, numismatic pictures, etc., from all periods, but only American related. That gives you a wide range if you feel you want to find something for me.

I am working very hard on the revision of my book and will include the John Law notes. I hope you will like that.

I hope our paths cross soon. Thanks for writing.

Cordially yours,

Eric P. Newman

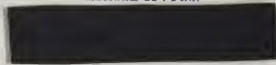
EPN:jah

My good dealers in Rome - Florence
Naples - Venice & Nice ? -

I'm still looking for better
Colonial Paper - Mass scrip also
Maine - New Hampshire & Vermont
scrip if you have any duplicates -
I'll find something to trade

Wishing you & your family & A -
Happy & Healthy New Year

Truly
Yours
Frederick

10/21/74

Dear Eric -

Hope you received the

2 Shell Cards -

I have 2 Types of Town
Law Notes

① Dix Leaves - July 1720

Not Signed (same as note pictured
in Town Law Book by Batts)

② Cent Leaves JAN 1720

This Note is HANDSIGNED -

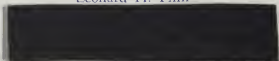
How many types of Town Law
Notes are there? Any other
denominations - or dates??

Have you any idea what the
priority will be? I based
the trading price - on what
Bob Mack paid for this — ^{*}125⁰⁰

On ^{my} Mass Bank 1884 — I have
examined ^{it} more closely — The note
is mounted on card board — The
actual paper is very thin —
& beautifully mounted — Are you
familiar with this type?

Very
Sincerely
L. J. [Signature]

Leonard H. Finn



11/30/74

Dear Ed -

Hope you are - and I'm
looking forward to seeing you at
the Collectors Club next Spring -

I recently bought a HENTON
BANK SIZE GREEN 1870 COUNTER-
FEIT Detector - its a beautiful
issue - except Plate # XIV - The
COUNTERFEIT National 10⁰⁰ piece
& BACK is missing - I wonder
if you had AN EXTRA one ^{??} for
me once - you had cannibalized
several to make complete ones -
You never answered my letter

When I sent you the SHELL CARDS
So I assume you received
them -
Keep them -

Very truly -
L. J. Hunt

P.S. I was down to the Rose Island
Lighthouse recently - several weeks looking
over their collection - very worn - Colmels
I was interested in some of the Reprints -
they may wish you for prices

P.P.S. I'm sure you heard of the
42 lots of Colonial Paper - the Rippon
(Mayflower) section - Prices were a bit
right - I imagine "280⁰⁰" for an ordinary
3/25/1776 H. J. (H. John Hunt signature). I can't
buy a thing -

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 4, 1974

Mr. Leonard Finn

Dear Leonard:

I just returned from a delightful trip to Afghanistan and I am back to work on my book.

I was glad to see you get a large size Heath of 1870, but unfortunately I do not have the plate which you need.

I certainly did receive your Shell cards and put them in my collection of money-related items.

I have been working with the Rhode Island Historical Society, but as you say they do not have very much.

I told Bob Vlack to write me with respect to talking to your collector club next spring. He has not done so. If you see him, give him the needle. I don't even know the official name of the club involved. If I talk to him first, then I will remind him.

You will be interested to know that I have finished the section on small change notes for the revised book and it was a real workout. It does add a new dimension to American paper money.

My very kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

5/2/70

Sean Eric

Just a short note to tell
you how much I enjoyed your talk
at the Collectors Club dinner —

Many thanks for making our 30th
Anniversary Party a success —

I attended the Pine Tree Auction — this
week — Such Prices!! I bought the Mass
Dec 10, 1781, "6⁰⁰ for "300⁰⁰ — which I
thought was a bargain —

It was a pleasure talking to

You —

Samuel
Green

LEONARD H. FINN

6/25/75-

Dear Eric -

Just a short note -
Mayflower Coin has a sheet
of PARKER House note - Mr
Lipson wants \$10.00 for it -
let me know

^ ON write him directly at

44 Bromfield St (617-542-1948)
if you want it.

Hope you're feeling fine -

Love,

Leonard

P.S. Seems like a lot - for the sheet.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 2, 1975

Mr. Leonard H. Finn



Dear Len:

You were right that the price was too high on the sheet.
I'll pass unless I can trade for it something else at a fancy
price.

Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Leonard H. Finn

7/12/75

Dear Sam,
THANKS for the note on the Parker
House Sheet - I'll still watch out for
a sheet more reasonably priced -
I'm still looking for Corian - Paper
maybe you have something in your
disposables - I could use -

I want the following -

① Small CARDS

① S. Baker & Co - Louisville, Ky -
20" x 12" - 10 Kennedy - others in
is OK -

② Joseph Wolfe, ~~Blacksburg~~ New York
Vt. Gold Pan has some standards

③ S. A. Freeman - Terra Haute, Indiana
Beautiful Inc

④ Ivory Indigo, Blowing Bay - Jute
Selling - UVC

⑤ Cannon - Hocking - Springfield Mass
Beautiful Inc

Value Lot #2000

② Henshaw Patent Colnigate Co. Co.
Detection with Original Box

Pat. Dec 29 1857 -

This is not the same as the one patented
in Article by Geo. Henshaw, ^{in Henshaw's} although it is
the same patent No. - The Henshaw offered
me "150⁰⁰ cash - & another party 200 - but
I would rather have Colnigate Paper -

③ Unusual Mint Report for 1805 with

4 schedules - one showing 321 Silver
Dollars minted for 1805 - (where are
they) - It has no Henshaw's
was printed in 1806 Value (?) 100⁰⁰

Do you have any interest in the above??

I am working with "baker's book" for

new edition of your Colonial

Paper-Money - suggestion -

when printing the News (1780) -

(2)

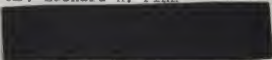
The New Hampshire 1780 - & the
Connecticut notes - I think the
prices should all show the price
for cancelled notes - a fast
note the price is doubled (or
tripled or anything) for uncancelled
Now the Mass says "There is Hazard
in
the state (uncancelled) New Hampshire
is "double the amount of
uncancelled" - & the Conn. notes
say nothing about value if they
are uncancelled - they should
be consistent - just a suggestion

Amos
P
Amos

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 15, 1975

Mr. Leonard H. Finn


Dear Len:

I very much appreciated the suggestions made in your July 12, 1975 letter with respect to designating cancellation in pricing so that it is done in a uniform manner. I will certainly ask my pricers to make appropriate changes.

With respect to the Herper scale, I would like to be able to add this to my collection and would appreciate it if you would send it to me at P. O. Box 14020, St. Louis, Missouri 63178. I will find something for you in Colonial paper.

The Mint Report for 1805, I already have in American State Papers Financial. Yours is probably an earlier publication.

It is nice to see your enthusiasm for the book as I am mired in proofreading and technical corrections.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

7/15/75

Dear Eric -

THANKS for the letter & the
COMMENTS -

I've put the scale aside &
will tase for something - but I'd
like to know what you have in mind

We both know prices have sky-
rocketed - (I was offered some
common CONTINENTAL $\text{\$}125\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$) If
you feel your notes are worth
much more - I'll gladly pay the
BALANCE -

I've shown the scale to a
number of people - & no one has

EVER SEEN this one -
Incidentally - its AU - (do you
grade scales?) -

Keep Well

Annaly -
James

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ERIC P. NEWMAN
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
AND
SECRETARY

July 22, 1975

Mr. Leonard H. Finn



Dear Len:

I received your recent letter and want to assure you that even though other people may try to take you to the cleaners, I certainly do not want you to put me into that class.

I want to remind you that I sent you the John Law Note as a present and you insisted on giving me something in exchange. Don't you think that under those circumstances you should send me the scale and let me know what Colonial items you would be most interested in. I have not seen the scale and, therefore, would like very much to do so. As I said before, no exchange will take place until you are completely satisfied.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Leonard H. Finn

7/11/76

Dear Eric -

Please don't be upset - I
snapped the scales this AM -

I'm not the least bit worried
about trading with you - its
always worked out before - But
these days \$200⁰⁰ doesn't go
very far with Colonials and
wondered what you had in mind

I also know you don't like cash -
you know I don't like owing -

As for the Joan Law note

I didn't realize (or don't remember)
you were giving it to me as a
present - As I recall - you owed
me something - with the Law note
I owed you - & I finally sent

To the Small Cans —
I also enclosed the Mint
Report for 1806 — Look at the
schedules — I think they're
fantastic — & I don't know if
you have them in your records
If you don't — protestant them &
Return the document to me —

When I mentioned cut-cancelled
& half cancelled & diamond cancelled
I should have mentioned the Cod
Fish Note of 1776/1776 for Mass — the
N.Y. JUNE 15, 1780 — & also the N.Y. 4/8/1776
there are also others —

Here's a few of the items

I'm looking for —

- (1) Other types of John Law —
- (2) Movement & CURRENCY Money before 1800
- (3) I have nothing for Conn before 1770
- (4) Maryland Oct 17, 1780 — Aug. of 1781
- (5) Mass Oct 18, 1776 — Dollar Denomination

(6) New Jersey 1783

(7) N.Y. - 1781 + 1786 or 1788

(8) N.C. - Aug denomi. - Aug 21, 1775
N.C. Apr 2, 1776 ^{20⁰⁰} Rd. A 155 NAKC

(9) PA. 6/15/1767

(10) S. Carolina 3/6/1776 - Small Denom.

(WINDEN 15 POUNDS) -

Missing other entries - but I hesitated to list them
If you think prices aren't crazy -

I was offered the Sword in HANO 8/8/78
in VF - split (+ mended) + folded -
for \$12,500 - "!!! -

Keep Well

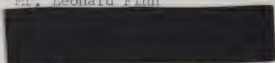
Benjamin
Lasswell

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 20, 1975

Mr. Leonard Finn



Dear Len:

Your scale and Mint report arrived long since and I am sorry I did not answer sooner.

I do have the Mint report in a subsequent publication and will return it as soon as I get back from the ANA show in L.A. In the meantime I am enclosing an item which may be of great interest to you. It is a reprint of the South Carolina El note of 1748 of which no origin is known. You like unusual things and this certainly qualifies as one. I have no idea how to evaluate items of this sort.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

Leonard H. Finn



8/24/75

Dear Sam —

Hope you too a good time

x ANA — I hope to go next year

I'm returning the Reprint — It
doesn't "huan me on" — looks
like exact copy of the 1961 issue —

I'm sure you'll find something
else —

Very
Sincerely
Leonard

Leonard H. Finn

Spine
numbered

10/9/75

handwritten

10/3/75

Dear Sir -

Here a small note -

On the Pair - 3/20/1791 - 20

Shirley - you have 2 marked

for counterfeits - but no

explanation in the Appendix -

You bought another one from

my collection - + now I'm

sure one is a counterfeit -

If you're interested in seeing

them - drop me a line + I'll

send both


Any thing happening on our house

Leonard

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Mr. Leonard H. Finn


Dear Len:

After the Christmas holidays are over I am going to mail to you something very unusual. It is a Federal Ready Reckoner published by Samuel Sower in 1793, showing an explanation of the U. S. coinage system and an explanation for the moneys of account of the various states and the conversion of foreign coins into both. It is so rare that ANS does not even have a copy. It is published in Philadelphia and is the first book covering U. S. federal coinage. I hope when I send this it will please you in connection with the pending exchange.

My best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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